



**NIFA Veterinary Medicine
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Veterinarian Shortage Situation Nomination Form

To be completed by the State or Insular Area Animal Health Official

Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP)

Nomination of Veterinarian Shortage Situations for the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) Authorized Under the National Veterinary Medical Service Act (NVMSA)

Note: Please submit one separate nomination form for each position. See solicitation for number of nominations permitted for your state or insular area.

Location of Veterinary Shortage Area for this Nomination

Note: If this nomination is for a public practice position, please provide the location of the home office or the center of service area.

Location of Veterinary Shortage: San Juan County
(e.g., County, State/Insular Area)

Center of Service Area or
Location of Position: 1658 East Brown Canyon Road, Blanding, Utah 84511
(e.g., Address or Cross Street, Town/City, and Zip Code)

Type of Veterinary Practice Area/Discipline/Specialty

☐ Type I Shortage: Private Practice
Food Animal Medicine (at least 80 percent time)
Please select **one or more** specialties requested for this position:

- ☐ Beef Cattle
- ☐ Dairy Cattle
- ☐ Swine
- ☐ Poultry
- ☐ Small Ruminant
- ☐ Other : _____

☒ Type II Shortage: Private Practice – Rural Area
Food Animal Medicine (at least 30 percent time)
Please select **one or more** specialties requested for this position:

- ☒ Beef Cattle
- ☐ Dairy Cattle
- ☒ Swine
- ☒ Poultry
- ☒ Small Ruminant
- ☒ Other : Equine

☐ Type III Shortage: Public Practice (at least 49 percent time*)
Employer: _____ Position Title: _____
Please select **one or more** specialty/disciplinary areas.

- ☐ Food Safety
- ☐ Public Health
- ☐ Epidemiology
- ☐ Other: _____

Please describe the objectives of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation as well as being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

1. Establish a rural veterinary practice in Blanding, Utah to serve the private practice needs of San Juan County which is 7,725 square mile. San Juan County is 5 times larger than Rhode Island in reference to square miles.
2. Accreditation for the practicing veterinarian in order to address program disease needs of federal and state governments. As an example, tuberculosis and brucellosis program monitoring and testing.
3. Be able to perform antemortem and postmortem inspection of animals intended for human consumption at the small, federal and state inspected facilities in this county.
4. Act as a professional resource to the community regarding zoonotic diseases especially endemic to Southeastern Utah. (e.g., plague, hanta virus, Arizona rabies, hydatid disease)
5. Address the companion animal needs of the ranching and farming communities, along with those needs of the small, rural municipalities in the three counties in reference to their public health, rabies and pet over population mandates.

Please describe the activities of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation and being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

We envision this veterinarian to come into practice with Dr. Watkins who is 65 years of age at Blue Mountain Veterinary Service. Blanding is a centrally located community in regards to normal human traffic in the area. This veterinarian would base their practice from this clinic. Because of the remote nature of this county, this practitioner would need to have a mobile clinic from which to practice from during farm and ranch calls. The fixed facility is capable of addressing emergency small and large animal needs. Dr. Watkins is only going to practice for no more than 4 (four) more years

Please describe any past efforts to recruit and retain a veterinarian in the shortage situation identified above (limit your response to 100 words or less).

Dr. Watkins has been actively seeking an associate for the past 2 years. This practice is extremely isolated. The economy of San Juan County is still based on farming and ranching. Any efforts to attract a veterinarian to this area have been unsuccessful because of the income needed to meet current student loan obligations of new graduates. If Dr. Watkins retires and no one is able to fill the void, the ramification would be regrettable.

Please describe the risk of this veterinarian position not being secured or retained. Include the risk(s) to the production of a safe and wholesome food supply and to animal, human, and environmental health not only in the community but in the region, state/insular area, nation, and/or international community (limit your response to 250 words or less).

Because of the veterinary shortage in this area, many food animal related issues have become problematic. As an example, in order for cattle to be shipped properly between states, certificates of veterinary inspection are needed to accompany the cattle. Due to the shortage of veterinarians, this is often overlooked and has become a problem in this region.

Please indicate whether you consider this situation/position a candidate for a "service in emergency" agreement (limit your response to 100 words or less). Please see solicitations for additional information regarding the obligation of participants who enter into the "Service in Emergency" agreement. [LEAVE BLANK – NOT FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN 2010]

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